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Dear Sirs:

I hereby certify that the following documents (attached) are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9327 on June 17, 2002, for filing in the above referenced application:

- Amendment After Final Rejection, with Claim Sheet.



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Docket: OT-4538
Leandre Adifon, et. al. : Date: Monday, June 17, 2002
Appln. No.: 09/497,359 : Group Art Unit: 3652
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Title: ELEVATOR STRUCTURE MOUNTING SYSTEM HAVING HORIZONTAL
COMPRESSION MEMBER FOR REDUCING BUILDING LOADS AT TOP
OF HOISTWAY

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action dated April 16, 2002, Applicants request
entry and consideration of the following amendments to the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 14, 17 and 20, as shown on the appended Claim Sheet,
to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An elevator system comprising:
an elevator assembly disposed within a hoistway and suspended by elevator ropes
having ends suspended with respect to a pair of rigid structures affixed to opposing walls
of the hoistway; and
a compression member positioned between said rigid structures in such a manner
so as to counter resultant forces applied to said rigid structures due to a vertical load.

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